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Dear Mr. LeVines:

This is the final response to your February 14, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on February 22, 2017 and assigned it case number 17-F-0577. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a search of their records systems and located 235 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. Scott McPherson, Chief, IMD Declassification Branch, an Initial Denial Authority, determined that some of the information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which applies to information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.


If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, Privacy/FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "Privacy/FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your case Ms. Tanya Guimont, at Tanya.a.guimont.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0416.

Sincerely,


Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated